



*Ancient Egyptians!
Year 3
Spring 2*

Our work this half term will focus on all areas linked to our topic – Ancient Egyptians! This topic will introduce the children to the Ancient Egyptians and what life was like for them. We will investigate Howard Carter's discovery of Tutankhamun's tomb and learn about the many Egyptian Gods and Goddesses that were worshipped. Also, we will explore the burial process and the stages of mummification, the journey to the afterlife and the Book of the Dead that consists of magic spells intended to assist a person's journey through the underworld and into the afterlife. There are many areas that link in with this very nicely: writing a letter as Howard Carter describing the discovery of Tutankhamun's tomb; learning and writing Egyptian play scripts; using maps to locate Egypt and the River Nile; exploring Egyptian Canopic designs and colours; and making Egyptian Headdresses!

We will be using a variety of books to help us build on our knowledge of Ancient Egyptians including: *The Story of Tutankhamen*; *Cleopatra*; *Egyptian Cinderella*; *Everything Ancient Egypt*; and *The Time-travelling Cat and the Egyptian Goddess*. If you have any books or items that you think link well with the topic please bring them in for us to share. Names on belongings, please! Thank you. 😊

Our homework task this term involves a creative/informative project based on the Ancient Egyptians. Feel free to pick an area that interests you for your research and helps create an interesting and detailed piece of homework. Here are ideas you could base your project on: design/make an Ancient Egyptian Mummy Sarcophagus or Egyptian jewellery; create a model of a typical Ancient Egyptian home or a pyramid - could you show what it might look like inside?; find out some interesting facts about Ancient Egypt and create a multiple choice quiz; create top trump cards using Ancient Egyptian Gods and Goddesses; imagine you were there when Tutankhamen's tomb was discovered - write a diary entry about the event; write an acrostic poem using the letters of a key 'topic' word e.g. Egypt; design a tourist leaflet to encourage tourists to visit Egypt; create a fact file on a famous Ancient Egyptian; research and make an Ancient Egyptian game e.g. Senet; write instructions or an explanation for mummification; create your own Egyptian style portrait with your name in hieroglyphs; use hieroglyphs to write a message.

Homework is due in the week after Easter half term which is 16th April. I am looking forward to your child presenting their project. I have been very impressed so far!

Many thanks,

Miss Carter and the Year 3C team.